In Memoriam.

WALTER R. BROWNE, M.A., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., M. Inst. C.E., &c., Late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

As we announced in the last number of the Journal, death has suddenly removed from our midst a distinguished and valued member of our Society, Mr. Walter Raleigh Browne. At the early age of 42, in the midst of active work, he fell a victim to typhoid fever whilst attending the meeting of the British Association in Canada, and died in Montreal on September 4th, 1884. Only those who knew Mr. Browne intimately could form any adequate idea of the wide range of his powers, the activity of his many-sided mind, the breadth of his sympathies, and the nobility of his character. The chivalrous consideration which he showed for others, and his loyalty to truth led him to inquire into and espouse movements that appeared to be unfairly dealt with by the leaders of public opinion. It was this spirit that animated his thoughtful and temperate speech on "Spiritualism," before the Church Congress at Newcastle in 1881. Invited to attend the Conference which led to the formation of the Society for Psychical Research, he came, and consenting to act on the Provisional Committee gave much time to the organisation of our Society. It was, indeed, a matter for congratulation that from the outset the Society had the benefit of his wise judgment and willing services, both on the Council, of which he was a member from the foundation, and on the Physical Phenomena and other Committees.

A few words on Mr. W. R. Browne's career may be of interest to our readers. He won a Foundation Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1863, graduated in 1865 as 19th wrangler and 10th Classic, obtaining the Wrangham and Leigh gold medal, and the Dealtry and College Prize for Greek Testament, and finally gained his Fellowship of Trinity in 1867. After this he studied engineering, and gained the Telford premium, and subsequently the Telford gold medal and premium for important original papers contributed to the Institution of Civil Engineers, and throughout the United Kingdom he was everywhere known and highly esteemed by his professional brethren. In addition to his engineering monographs, he contributed original papers

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to the Royal Society, the Physical Society, and the French Academy. He also translated Clausius' classical work on the "Mechanical Theory of Heat," and other foreign works, besides writing and publishing two important engineering text books of his own. Outside his professional work he found time to contribute to numerous reviews and periodicals, to take an active part in the Philological, the Physical, the Aristotelian Societies, and the Alpine Club, besides our own Society. And as if this were not enough to tax his energies and far-reaching interests, he threw himself heartily into the question of emigration and of aid to discharged prisoners. Nor did this exhaust the philanthropic and religious side of his nature; a book on the "Inspiration of the New Testament," papers to the Church Congress, active work on, and lecturing for, the Christian Evidence Society, the conception and organisation of the important conference of leading scientific men which met at Lambeth Palace in 1881, under the presidency of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, and the literary work that followed therefrom,—these were some of the varied products of Walter Browne's zealous and consistent Christian life. The *Guardian*, in its hearty tribute to the memory of our friend, speaks of his other religious activities, and the outstretching influence of his life. To his wife and family we offer our sincere and respectful sympathy; to them, and to all who knew him, his name will be ever enshrined as that of a

"Just and faithful knight of God."

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